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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: HAMADA, Aki et al.

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For. **GAS DIFFUSION LAYER FOR FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD OF THE SAME**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 3, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004 for one month, from August 19, 2004 to September 19, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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